

Torrance, California
October 28, 1947

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, October 28, 1947, at 7:54 p.m.

Mayor Sherfey called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Buxton, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. Absent: Councilmen: Gilbert.

All those present in the Council Chamber saluted the Flag.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held October 14, 1947, and the Minutes of an Adjourned Regular Meeting held October 21, 1947, be approved as written. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from W. H. Murphey, Manager of the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines, outlining the new services and changes in the Bus Line as suggested in the report of the Citizen's Committee dated October 20, 1947. Said report suggested that four new busses be purchased in order that bus service might be expanded and improved upon.

Councilman Tolson moved that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the purchase order for the four new Reo busses. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call/vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Upon inquiry, Mr. Eisenhart of Reo Motors, whose Company is to supply the four new busses, advised the Council that the foregoing is a correct procedure to use in authorizing purchase of the busses.

Mrs. L. A. Mann, 18129 Prairie Avenue, North Torrance, asked the Council if there is any chance of a new bus route being started to supply transportation to residents of North Torrance before December, which is the time set for delivery of the first two new busses.

Upon Mayor Sherfey's request, Mr. Murphey, Manager of the Bus Lines, advised Mrs. Mann that, although there is no possibility of the route being started before delivery of the busses, it is highly probable that the busses will be delivered earlier than anticipated; thus, the new route will get under way sooner.

A Resolution was read from the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, with reference to the Air Pollution Control District of the County of Los Angeles, and advising that such District will now exercise its powers pursuant to Chapter 2 of Division 20 as added to the Health and Safety Code by Chapter 632 of Statutes of 1947. Matter of record.

The resignation of John A. Shidler, City Judge, was read, in which he expressed his appreciation for the fine support given him during his tenure of office. His letter stated that he is resigning from office in order to conduct the Gardena Justice Court.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the resignation of Mr. Shidler be accepted and that the City Clerk be authorized to write him a letter of the Council's deep appreciation for his past services. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the Council take under advisement the appointment of a new City Judge to replace Mr. Shidler for report

at the next Regular Meeting. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from a Committee in charge of this year's Children's Christmas Party, signed by W. B. Hickcox, Secretary, requesting the use of the Civic Auditorium on December 22, 1947, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., or thereabouts.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Committee's request be granted. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee, 2093 Torrance Boulevard, inviting the members of the City Council to a community reception for the Torrance City School District's new teachers to be held Thursday, November 6, 1947, at 8:00 p.m., in the Torrance Elementary Auditorium. Matter of record.

A communication was read from J. W. Loughridge, Chairman of a Committee in charge of remodeling the proposed buildings for Walteria Park, advising of the activity and interest being shown by various groups and organizations and expressing appreciation to the City for their efforts in behalf of the community of Walteria. Matter of record.

A communication was read from J. H. Stroh, Chief of Police, recommending that Mr. John Wall be issued a license to operate a billiard room at 1778 Carson Street; and assuring the Council that he will send out a patrol car for periodical check-ups.

Councilman Tolson moved that Mr. Wall's request for a license be granted, upon the recommendation of Chief Stroh. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from J. H. Stroh, Chief of Police, requesting authorization for the employment of two patrolmen from the Civil Service Eligibility List.

Councilman Tolson moved that the Council authorize the employment of Fredrick E. Parkus as Patrolman on Probation at a salary of \$210.00 per month, effective as of November 3, 1947; and, also, the employment of Hyman Fischer as Patrolman on Probation at a salary of \$210.00 per month, effective as of November 3, 1947. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

A communication was read from Dale Riley, Superintendent of Recreation, requesting authorization for the employment of James W. Loughridge as night watchman at the City Park.

Mayor Sherfey moved that the Council authorize the employment of James W. Loughridge as night watchman at the City Park, for five hours a day at \$1.20 per hour, effective October 21, 1947, to replace Mr. Fess who is on vacation. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 396

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 385.

Councilman Tolson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 396 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that Ordinance No. 396 be adopted for second and final reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

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Councilman Jackson read a communication from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, requesting that authorization be given to prepare specifications and advertise for bids for the resurfacing of Crenshaw Boulevard between 190th Street and the east entrance of the General Petroleum Refinery; the estimated cost of \$6000.00 to be paid out of the General Fund, which will be reimbursed out of County Gas Tax monies available for such work.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Jackson moved that the Council appoint Assistant City Engineer, Mr. John Patrick, as Building Inspector in addition to his present duties and including all inspecting and plan checking, at a salary of \$350.00 per month, effective as of November 1, 1947. Councilman Tolson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$162.20 be made for the Bus Lines Survey. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Councilman Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$150.00, plus tax, be made for payment to the Dillingham Printing Company for 5,000 ten ride commutation books for the Bus Lines. Councilman Buxton seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

Mayor Sherfey moved that Councilman B. C. Buxton be appointed to the following committees of the Torrance City Council:

Finance

Inspection, Auditorium, Transportation and Public Library

Police and Fire

and that Councilman W. H. Tolson be appointed as Chairman of the Police and Fire Committee. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey read a communication from Dorothy H. Jamieson, Librarian at the Los Angeles County Library, Torrance Branch, recommending that the following persons be appointed as members of the new Library Board, effective as of July 1, 1947: H. L. Mitchell, Chairman and Mrs. P. E. Humphreys, each for a term of three years, expiration date June 30, 1950, and Mrs. A. L. Jackson and Wm. H. Tolson each for a term of two years, expiration date June 30, 1949.

Mayor Sherfey moved that Mrs. Jamieson's recommendations for the Library Board be concurred in by the Council. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Sherfey announced at this time that the continuation of Public Hearing on the Vista Highlands Improvement District will be held Wednesday, October 29, 1947, at 7:30 p.m., and that at the next Regular Meeting on November 12, 1947, at 8:00 p.m., the Hearing will be held on the proposed Vacation of Portion of Beech Avenue, Maricopa Street and certain alleys.

After some discussion on the subject of the burning of rubbish at the City Dump, Mayor Sherfey suggested that the Council arrange a meeting with City Engineer Jain for further discussion.

Upon advisement by City Attorney Willett, Councilman Tolson moved that the Council authorize the installation by California-Nevada Properties, Inc. of twelve water hydrants in the Hollywood

Riviera District at a rental cost of \$2.50 per month. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

Upon City Engineer Jain's request, Councilman Tolson moved that a portion of the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held October 14, 1947, in connection with Sol Burn's application for permission to operate a junk yard, be corrected to read "application for permit", instead of "permit". Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Tolson moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Buxton, Jackson, Tolson and Sherfey. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Gilbert.

At 8:23 p.m., ~~p.m.~~, upon motion by Councilman Jackson, seconded by Councilman Tolson, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned to Wednesday, October 29, 1947, at 7:30 p.m.

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CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE